Ban on ULFA and Bodo militants

2176. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present status regarding talks with ULFA and Bodo extremists in Assam ;

(b) whether Government propose to ban the armed groups of ULFA and Bodo organisations ;

(c) if so, by when, and if not, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to restart the operation Rhino to flush out the extremists from their hideouts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The Government of Assam is continuing its efforts to achieve the negotiated settlement of the problems of Assam. Discussions with the representatives of Plains Tribals in-cluding Bodos are continuing to find an amicable solution to their problem.

(b) and (c) While the ULFA has already been declared 'unlawful' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 since 27th November, 1990, a proposal to declare the Bodo Security Force as 'unlawful' is under examination.

(d) Operation Rhino is continuing against the recalcitrant extremists.

Persons killed/injured during agitations against transfer of Tinbigha

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of strong public feelings with regard to the transfer of Tinbigha to Bangladesh ;

(b) the number of persons who have been killed and injured as a result of use of force against transfer of Tinbigha to Bangla Desh ;

*(c) th*e number of persons arres ed in May June 1992 in the agitations against the transfer ; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the whole matter and cancel the lease of Tinbigha ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) A section of the p;ople was opposed to the leasing of Tin Bigha to Bangladesh.

(b) As per report received from the Government of West Bengal, 2 persons protesting against implementation of the Tin Bigha Agreement were killed and no one was injured.

(c) According to available information, 4536 persons were arrested in May/June 1992, including those who had courted arres,.

(d) No, Sir.